

would otherwise be required to break the word across two lines of a plurality of lines of characters of said information, and displaying the plurality of lines of characters of said information on said display unit in a font having a width that varies according to the type of character displayed, and

said display control means controlling the display operation of said display unit so that a spacing between the characters is constant.

2. (Amended) The information display apparatus according to claim [1] 3, said display control means causing a new line of characters to be started whenever it would otherwise be required to break a word across two of said lines of characters.

3. (Amended) [The] An information display apparatus, [according to claim 1] comprising:

a display unit that displays information;

display control means for controlling a display operation of said display unit;

and

an operating unit that designates a display operation of said display unit, said display control means causing said display unit to form a fixed display when an amount of information to be displayed is not greater than a number of lines displayable on said display unit in one frame, and

said display control means causing said display unit to form a vertical scrolling display when an amount of information to be displayed exceeds a number of lines displayable on said display unit in one frame.

Please add the following claims 23-32:

--23. The information display apparatus according to claim 1, said display control means comprising at least one of a processing unit and a storage device.--

--24. The information display apparatus according to claim 23, said processing unit comprising at least one of a switching monitor section and a message determining section.--

--25. The information display apparatus according to claim 23, said storage device storing a plurality of fonts.--

--26. The information display apparatus according to claim 3, said display control means comprising at least one of a processing unit and a storage device.--

--27. The information display apparatus according to claim 26, said processing unit comprising at least one of a switching monitor section and a message determining section.--

--28. The information display apparatus according to claim 26, said storage device storing a plurality of fonts.--

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--29. An information display apparatus, comprising:
a display unit that displays information;
a display control device that controls a display operation of said display unit;
and
an operating unit that designates a display operation of said display unit, said display control device causing a new line of characters to be started wherever it would otherwise be required to break the word across two lines of a plurality of lines of characters of said information, and displaying the plurality of lines of characters of said information on said display unit in a font having a width that varies according to the type of character displayed, and
said display control device controlling the display operation of said display unit so that a spacing between the characters is constant.--

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30. An information display apparatus, comprising:
a display unit that displays information;

a display control device that controls a display operation of said display unit;
and

an operating unit that designates a display operation of said display unit, said display control device causing said display unit to form a fixed display when an amount of information to be displayed is not greater than a number of lines displayable in one frame,
and

said display control device causing said display unit to form a vertical scrolling display when an amount of information to be displayed exceeds a number of lines displayable on said display unit in one frame.--

--31. An information display method, comprising:

performing a display operation by displaying information;

controlling the display operation by starting a new line of characters wherever it would otherwise be required to break the word across two lines of a plurality of lines of characters of said information, displaying the plurality of lines of characters of said information in a font having a width that varies according to the type of character displayed, and controlling the display operation so that a spacing between the characters is constant; and designating the display operation.--

--32. An information display method, comprising:

performing a display operation by displaying information;

controlling the display operation by forming a fixed display when an amount of information to be displayed is not greater than a number of lines displayable in one frame, and forming a vertical scrolling display when an amount of information to be displayed exceeds a number of lines displayable on said display unit in one frame; and

designating the display operation.--